

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1610

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By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, petition of Angelo M. Scaccia and John W. Scibak for legislation to provide that network hospitals be compensated for behavioral health services to certain Mass Health patients. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT TO REQUIRE EQUITABLE PAYMENT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1     Section 16 of chapter 6A, as appearing in the 2002 Official edi-  
2     tion of the General Laws, is amended by adding, at the end  
3     thereof, after the word, “programs.” the following:—  
4     And provided further that the secretary of the executive office  
5     of health and human services shall ensure that network hospitals  
6     are compensated at their full negotiated rate for behavioral health  
7     services provided to MassHealth patients who are also clients of  
8     agencies within the executive office of health and human services  
9     and for whom no appropriate alternative placement is available.  
10    Provided, however, such compensation shall only be provided if  
11    the hospital can document that it has engaged in good faith efforts  
12    to place said clients in any appropriate alternative setting.